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INTRODUCTION

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.				Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—						
1901 (31st March)	..	..	..	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April)	..	..	..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	..	..	..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	..	..	..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June) (a)	..	..	..	1,014,508	1,040,744	2,055,252
At 31st December—						
1942	..	..	..	971,026	994,939	1,965,965
1943	..	..	..	980,169	1,005,747	1,985,916
1944	..	..	..	987,977	1,014,891	2,002,868
1945	..	..	..	996,339	1,024,291	2,020,630
1946	..	..	..	1,008,254	1,037,413	2,045,667

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.				Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
				Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—											
1939	..	..	..	17,368	30,493	20,169	1,085	9·23	16·20	10·72	35·58
1942	..	..	..	23,636	35,927	21,973	1,496	12·03	18·28	11·18	41·64
1943	..	..	..	18,356	39,117	21,327	1,399	9·27	19·75	10·77	35·76
1944	..	..	..	17,857	39,358	20,502	1,258	8·94	19·70	10·26	31·96
1945	..	..	..	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·20	20·48	10·19	28·03
1946	..	..	..	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10·54	22·99	10·60	27·16
								Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1947—											
March Quarter	..	..	..	4,973	12,575	4,724	294	9·72	24·59	9·24	23·38
June Quarter	..	..	..	5,386	11,646	4,992	284	10·53	22·77	9·76	24·39

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.				Year Ended 31st December, 1946.	June Quarter—	
					1946.	1947.
Tuberculosis	..	..	..	711	157	168
Cancer	..	..	..	2,836	681	737
Diabetes	..	..	..	432	115	111
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.	..	..	..	2,138	537	573
Diseases of the Heart	..	..	..	6,689	1,679	1,494
Arteriosclerosis	..	..	..	510	116	120
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia	..	..	..	1,246	317	228
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	..	..	..	118	29	19
Nephritis	..	..	..	1,301	332	284
Congenital Malformations	..	..	..	205	56	48
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	..	..	..	734	163	184
Senility	..	..	..	706	185	119
Accidental Deaths	..	..	..	853	171	258

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AS ENUMERATED AT CENSUS ON 30TH JUNE, 1947.

(Subject to revision.)

Municipality.	Population.	Municipality.	Population.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.		OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE— <i>continued.</i>	
<i>Cities.</i>		<i>Boroughs.—continued.</i>	
Box Hill	21,387	Daylesford	3,052
Brighton	39,789	Eaglehawk	4,039
Brunswick	57,544	Echuca	4,491
Camberwell	76,132	Inglewood	925
Caulfield	79,941	Koroit	1,435
Chelsea	12,059	Maryborough	6,207
Coburg	49,614	Port Fairy	2,007
Collingwood	29,789	Portland	3,462
Essendon	55,435	Queenscliffe	2,389
Fitzroy	32,423	Sebastopol	2,041
Footscray	53,484	Shepparton	7,914
Hawthorn	40,457	St. Arnaud	2,900
Heidelberg (excluding Greensborough Ward)	34,396	Stawell	4,840
Kew	30,892	Swan Hill	4,305
Malvern	49,132	Wangaratta	6,669
Melbourne	99,868	Wonthaggi	4,223
Moorabbin	29,243		
Mordialloc	14,529		73,934
Northcote	44,951		
Nunawading	10,793	<i>Shires.</i>	
Oakleigh	15,980	Alberton	5,247
Port Melbourne	14,215	Alexandra	3,201
Prahran	59,917	Arapiles	2,004
Preston	46,774	Ararat	4,159
Richmond	39,399	Avoca	2,403
Sandringham	26,444	Avon	2,413
South Melbourne	43,493	Bacchus Marsh	3,388
St. Kilda	58,368	Bairnsdale	8,413
Williamstown	26,481	Ballan	2,583
		Ballarat	4,259
<i>Borough.</i>		Bannockburn	2,038
Ringwood	4,897	Barrabool	1,777
		Bass	3,819
<i>Shires.</i>		Beechworth	4,402
Braybrook (excluding Western Riding)	14,297	Belfast	1,941
Broadmeadows (Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only)	8,007	Bellarine	4,070
Keilor (Doutta Galla Riding only)	2,023	Benalla	8,466
Mulgrave	4,770	Berwick	10,574
Total in Greater Melbourne..	1,226,923	Bet Bet	2,427
		Birchip	1,546
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.		Braybrook (Western Riding only)	777
<i>Cities.</i>		Bright	5,313
Ballaarat	38,173	Broadford	1,541
Bendigo	26,739	Broadmeadows (excluding Broad- meadows and Campbellfield Ridings)	967
Geelong	18,831	Bulla	2,625
Geelong West	15,754	Buln Buln	6,672
Heidelberg (Greensborough Ward only)	3,900	Bungaree	1,877
Mildura	9,528	Buninyong	3,770
Warrnambool	9,997	Charlton	2,219
	122,922	Chiltern	1,677
<i>Towns.</i>		Cohuna	3,528
Ararat	5,960	Colac	7,022
Hamilton	7,181	Corio	5,006
Horsham	6,390	Cranbourne	7,061
Newtown and Chilwell	10,056	Creswick	3,501
Sale	5,121	Dandenong	15,125
	34,708	Deakin	3,024
<i>Boroughs.</i>		Dimboola	6,109
Castlemaine	5,808	Donald	2,734
Clunes	847	Doncaster and Templestowe	3,785
Colac	6,380	Dundas	3,331
		Dunmunkle	4,145
		East Loddon	1,379
		Eltham	7,036
		Euroa	3,829
		Fern Tree Gully	16,808
		Flinders	7,542
		Frankston and Hastings	11,672
		Gisborne	2,070
		Glenelg	5,285
		Glenlyon	2,376
		Gordon	2,705
		Goulburn	1,702
		Grenville	1,821
		Hampden	10,940
		Healesville	4,776
		Heytesbury	5,951

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AS ENUMERATED AT CENSUS ON
30TH JUNE, 1947—*continued.*

(Subject to revision.)

Municipality.				Population.	Municipality.				Population.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE— <i>continued.</i>					OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE— <i>continued.</i>				
<i>Shires—continued.</i>					<i>Shires—continued.</i>				
Huntly .. .. .	..	..	..	2,285	Rochester .. .. .	..	..	..	5,639
Kaniva .. .. .	..	..	..	2,173	Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	10,101
Kara Kara .. .. .	..	..	..	1,760	Romsey .. .. .	..	..	..	2,716
Karkarooc .. .. .	..	..	..	4,239	Rosedale .. .. .	..	..	..	3,409
Keilor (excluding Riding)	Doutta	Galla	..	1,219	Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	2,958
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	7,680	Seymour .. .. .	..	..	..	4,473
Kilmore .. .. .	..	..	..	1,837	Shepparton .. .. .	..	..	..	5,278
Korong .. .. .	..	..	..	3,183	South Barwon .. .. .	..	..	..	5,910
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	6,306	South Gippsland .. .. .	..	..	..	4,198
Kowree .. .. .	..	..	..	4,329	Stawell .. .. .	..	..	..	2,462
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	..	6,022	Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	..	..	3,487
Leigh .. .. .	..	..	..	970	Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	8,840
Lexton .. .. .	..	..	..	1,189	Talbot .. .. .	..	..	..	854
Lillydale .. .. .	..	..	..	13,801	Tambo .. .. .	..	..	..	4,029
Lowan .. .. .	..	..	..	3,957	Towong .. .. .	..	..	..	3,946
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	6,009	Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	..	5,396
Maldon .. .. .	..	..	..	2,031	Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	..	1,462
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	..	3,644	Tungamah .. .. .	..	..	..	4,383
Marong .. .. .	..	..	..	4,358	Upper Murray .. .. .	..	..	..	2,374
Melton .. .. .	..	..	..	1,268	Upper Yarra .. .. .	..	..	..	5,441
Metcalfe .. .. .	..	..	..	2,316	Violet Town .. .. .	..	..	..	1,454
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	15,714	Walpeup .. .. .	..	..	..	4,246
Minhamite .. .. .	..	..	..	2,048	Wangaratta .. .. .	..	..	..	2,107
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	..	1,611	Wannon .. .. .	..	..	..	3,427
Mornington .. .. .	..	..	..	4,002	Waranga .. .. .	..	..	..	4,869
Mortlake .. .. .	..	..	..	3,197	Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	..	4,489
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	11,277	Warragul .. .. .	..	..	..	6,660
Mount Rouse .. .. .	..	..	..	2,402	Warrnambool .. .. .	..	..	..	8,178
McIvor .. .. .	..	..	..	2,188	Werribee .. .. .	..	..	..	10,316
Narracan .. .. .	..	..	..	10,402	Whittlesea .. .. .	..	..	..	3,634
Newham and Woodend .. .. .	..	..	..	2,027	Wimmera .. .. .	..	..	..	3,471
Newstead and Mt. Alexander .. .. .	..	..	..	2,067	Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	..	3,949
Nurmurkah .. .. .	..	..	..	5,279	Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	4,270
Omeo .. .. .	..	..	..	2,131	Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	6,091
Orbost .. .. .	..	..	..	4,392	Wycheproof .. .. .	..	..	..	4,361
Otway .. .. .	..	..	..	3,668	Yackandandah .. .. .	..	..	..	2,909
Oxley .. .. .	..	..	..	4,009	Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	..	3,137
Phillip Island .. .. .	..	..	..	1,108	Yea .. .. .	..	..	..	2,458
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	6,195					
Pyalong .. .. .	..	..	..	529					
Ripon .. .. .	..	..	..	2,841					
					Total outside Greater Melbourne				592,776
									824,340

SUMMARY.

	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	588,996	637,927	1,226,923
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne—			
Cities	58,646	64,276	122,922
Towns	16,768	17,940	34,708
Boroughs	35,897	38,037	73,934
Shires	311,014	281,762	592,776
Not Incorporated	95	47	142
Migratory	3,092	755	3,847
Total Victoria	1,014,508	1,040,744	2,055,252

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1933—June ..	73.2	215.4	288.6	4.1	(e)	38.7(g)	42.3	65.3		32.8(f)
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1941—July ..	106.8	296.6	403.4	5.8	166.6	40.5	48.4	28.8	34.0	35.1
1942—June ..	113.8	261.7	375.5	4.6	167.0	29.2	47.4	22.5	27.7	30.3
1943—June ..	107.0	248.2	355.2	3.7	168.5	16.2	46.0	20.2	24.9	28.1
1944—June ..	106.5	245.6	352.1	3.4	167.0	16.6	45.5	20.3	26.0	30.0
1945—August ..	106.2	254.6	360.8	3.6	166.7	21.7	47.3	22.3	28.1	32.1
1946—June ..	115.2	302.7	417.9	4.4	179.8	32.0	55.0	29.6	37.9	38.1
1947—January ..	123.7	313.7	437.4	4.7	177.2	35.9	60.2	32.1	42.4	41.1
February ..	125.0	314.5	439.5	4.7	177.6	36.4	60.6	32.5	42.4	41.3
March ..	125.7	316.1	441.8	4.7	178.0	37.3	60.8	32.5	42.4	41.7
April ..	125.7	316.7	442.4	4.8	177.3	37.8	60.9	32.8	42.8	42.1
May ..	125.8	324.9	450.7	4.7	185.0	38.4	60.6	32.6	43.2	42.1
June ..	125.9	326.7	452.6	4.5	186.7	38.4	59.8	32.7	43.4	42.4
July ..	126.1	329.1	455.2	4.6	187.9	38.8	60.4	33.1	43.5	42.7
August ..	126.0	329.6	455.6	4.6	189.2	38.9	59.5	33.0	43.4	42.8
FEMALES.										
1933—June ..	13.9	104.3	118.2	..	(e)	0.2	3.3	26.6		36.9(f)
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1941—July ..	25.8	160.2	186.0	0.1	79.1	0.4	5.9	29.7	12.1	42.3
1942—June ..	37.1	161.4	198.5	0.2	82.7	0.5	8.1	29.9	14.4	43.5
1943—June ..	45.8	159.6	205.4	0.1	86.1	0.5	11.0	28.0	14.2	44.1
1944—June ..	44.4	153.9	198.3	0.1	82.4	0.5	11.2	26.7	14.4	44.9
1945—August ..	40.7	151.6	192.3	0.1	79.9	0.5	10.9	26.6	14.6	46.0
1946—June ..	30.6	153.1	183.7	0.1	75.2	0.6	9.4	27.4	13.9	47.7
1947—January ..	23.1	157.4	186.5	0.1	75.4	0.7	9.7	29.1	14.4	49.1
February ..	29.1	159.9	189.0	0.1	77.3	0.7	9.7	28.8	14.6	49.7
March ..	29.4	160.8	190.2	0.1	77.9	0.7	9.7	28.6	14.4	50.5
April ..	29.9	159.5	189.4	0.1	77.1	0.7	9.7	28.6	14.3	50.4
May ..	29.9	160.1	190.0	0.1	77.6	0.7	9.7	28.5	14.4	50.4
June ..	30.0	160.5	190.5	0.1	77.9	0.7	9.6	28.6	14.5	50.6
July ..	30.0	162.5	192.5	0.1	79.2	0.7	9.6	28.4	14.7	51.3
August ..	29.9	162.6	192.5	0.1	79.1	0.7	9.6	28.4	14.8	51.2
PERSONS.										
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9(g)	45.6	91.9		69.7(f)
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8
1947—January ..	152.8	471.1	623.9	4.8	252.6	36.6	69.9	61.2	56.8	90.2
February ..	154.1	474.4	628.5	4.8	254.9	37.1	70.3	61.3	57.0	91.0
March ..	155.1	476.9	632.0	4.8	255.9	38.0	70.5	61.1	56.8	92.2
April ..	155.6	476.2	631.8	4.9	254.4	38.5	70.6	61.4	57.1	92.5
May ..	155.7	485.0	640.7	4.8	262.6	39.1	70.3	61.1	57.6	92.5
June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	264.6	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0
July ..	156.1	491.6	647.7	4.7	267.1	39.5	70.0	61.5	58.2	94.0
August ..	155.9	492.2	648.1	4.7	268.3	39.6	69.1	61.4	58.2	94.0

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, and Defence Forces. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. From June, 1945, all figures subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1946, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

(f) Includes 2,258 males and 3,009 females "Clerks and Typists, Industry Undefined," so classified at 1933 Census.

(g) Includes 15,218 "Labourers, Industry Undefined," classified to the Building and Construction Industry at 1933 Census.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

(The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.)

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8·6
1939	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10·4
1940	147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5·8
1941	146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2·5
1942	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1·2
1943	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0·7
1944	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0·8
1945	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0·9
1946	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1·3
1932—June Quarter (a) ..	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27·7
1946—March Quarter ..	..	..	75	188,265	2,416	1·3
June Quarter ..	..	..	75	188,058	2,011	1·1
September Quarter ..	..	..	74	194,387	2,548	1·3
December Quarter ..	..	..	74	195,818	2,624	1·3
1947—March Quarter ..	..	..	74	198,772	3,143	1·6
June Quarter ..	..	..	74	204,715	2,323	1·1
September Quarter ..	..	..	74	207,012	2,471	1·2

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1st September, 1939	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1st February, 1946	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
1st May, 1946 ..	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
1st August, 1946 ..	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
1st November, 1946	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
1st December, 1946	106 0	101 0	102 0	104 0	106 0	106 0
1st February, 1947 ..	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
1st May, 1947 ..	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
1st August, 1947 ..	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
1st November, 1947..	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
" 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
" 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
" 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
" 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
" 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
" 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
" 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
" 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
1945—March Quarter	1,132	1,086	1,099	1,114	1,135	1,129
June Quarter	1,134	1,086	1,098	1,112	1,135	1,131
September Qr.	1,135	1,085	1,099	1,114	1,139	1,132
December Qr.	1,137	1,085	1,099	1,112	1,145	1,133
1946—March Quarter	1,141	1,089	1,101	1,117	1,146	1,137
June Quarter	1,150	1,094	1,105	1,126	1,154	1,146
September Qr.	1,149	1,095	1,107	1,121	1,152	1,145
December Qr.	1,157	1,096	1,114	1,132	1,159	1,153
1947—March Quarter	1,159	1,104	1,118	1,144	1,164	1,156
June Quarter..	1,175	1,123	1,130	1,161	1,175	1,171
September Qr.	1,189	1,132	1,139	1,170	1,185	1,185

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 86 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 " ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 " ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 " ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 " ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 " ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 " ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 " ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 " ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 " ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 " ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 " ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 " ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,156
1945 " ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 " ..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 " ..	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1940-41 " ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 " ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 " ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 " ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 " ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 " ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1946-47 " ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	(b)1,313	1,802	1,378	(b)1,768	1,286	(b)1,429
1946-47—										
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,356	1,766	1,265	1,413
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,343	1,745	1,252	1,398
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,340	1,743	1,262	1,404
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	(b)1,296	1,787	1,379	(b)1,787	1,275	(b)1,426
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	(b)1,284	1,788	1,376	(b)1,755	1,278	(b)1,418
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	(b)1,284	1,795	(b)1,371	(b)1,750	(b)1,282	(b)1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	(b)1,284	1,796	(b)1,375	(b)1,749	(b)1,296	(b)1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	(b)1,300	1,803	(b)1,393	(b)1,745	(b)1,314	(b)1,440
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,065	1,391	(b)1,312	1,841	(b)1,418	(b)1,797	(b)1,317	(b)1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,101	1,391	(b)1,229	1,841	(b)1,424	(b)1,804	(b)1,321	(b)1,463
June ..	1,350	1,448	2,145	1,412	(b)1,172	1,843	(b)1,436	(b)1,818	(b)1,327	(b)1,470
1947-48—										
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,136	1,412	(b)1,149	1,845	1,428	(b)1,832	1,327	(b)1,475
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,430	1,412	(b)1,149	1,847	1,429	(b)1,857	1,331	(b)1,486
September ..	1,358	1,578	2,522	1,424	1,216	1,847	1,441	1,891	1,342	1,504

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Revised.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(a)67,896	(a)19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	245,480
1st July, 1947, to 15th September, 1947	76,425	14,847	3,788	7,682	10,267	142,973	247,564

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946-47 Year (b)	15,728	544	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) Subject to revision.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
At 30th September, 1947	40,359	13,138	49,002	102,499	2,692	1,169

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938-39 Year	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1945-46 „	172	798	166	873	1,104	1,815	1,442	3,486
1946-47 „	196	896	274	1,381	1,208	2,564	1,678	4,841
<i>Entered.</i>								
1946-47—								
September Quarter ..	46	188	62	337	293	616	401	1,141
December Quarter ..	60	301	62	310	302	646	424	1,257
March Quarter ..	47	203	69	361	306	639	422	1,203
June Quarter ..	43	204	81	373	307	663	431	1,240
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938-39	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1945-46	171	839	137	598	1,126	2,045	1,434	3,482
1946-47	182	823	269	1,294	1,207	2,687	1,658	4,804
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1946-47—								
September Quarter ..	40	175	55	269	297	653	392	1,097
December Quarter ..	51	246	60	288	314	759	425	1,293
March Quarter ..	45	195	68	341	309	649	422	1,185
June Quarter ..	46	207	86	396	287	626	419	1,229

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Note.—The statement excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1944	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947 (a)	66,937,985	120,386	67,058,371
Three months ended 30th September, 1947 (a)	25,162,109	22,492	25,184,601
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1944	36,546,893	..	36,546,893(b)
1945	40,070,161	..	40,070,161(b)
1946	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947 (a)	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
Three months ended 30th September, 1947 (a)	20,128,484	348,362	20,476,846

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS. (SUBJECT TO REVISION.)

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£	£	£	£
Fish	45,036	123,844	211,854	353,219
Other Animal Foodstuffs	56,940	110,498	75,704	156,106
Total, Class I.	101,976	234,342	287,558	509,325

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£	£	£	£
Nuts, Edible	39,902	67,346	67,617	171,722
Spices	66,077	76,084	138,900	146,831
Coffee and Chicory	18,054	17,686	109,788	145,969
Tea	446,911	467,089	1,576,899	2,019,414
Cocoa and Chocolate	17,722	182,263	219,463	284,962
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	23,897	140,154	458,343	216,442
Total, Class II.	612,563	950,622	2,571,010	2,985,340
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	17,694	20,396	44,332	78,229
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	453,956	685,242	1,667,050	1,385,035
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	27,475	30,842	76,646	117,819
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	289,077	191,609	395,736	766,057
Wool	29,115	234,574	4,791	295,249
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	135,925	2	531,266
Other Animal Substances	27,357	57,093	38,775	252,715
Total, Class VI.	345,549	619,201	439,304	1,845,287
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	180,796	55,996	583,326	488,645
Fibres	211,047	422,259	943,106	1,642,579
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	65,386	74,214	139,935	292,254
Cork and Cork Manufactures	11,860	34,933	71,615	104,835
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	109,294	356,006	726,198	519,218
Other Vegetable Substances	55,865	92,813	207,327	338,936
Total, Class VII.	634,248	1,036,221	2,671,507	3,386,467
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	410,408	1,001,747	1,907,387	1,896,337
Manufactured Fibres	187,810	527,753	698,907	1,584,947
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	2,287,295	5,075,623	7,344,205	9,491,488
Other	359,556	673,203	1,038,909	1,705,770
Apparel	226,869	626,629	591,695	1,348,502
Total, Class VIII.	3,471,938	7,904,955	11,581,103	16,027,044
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	327,701	906,627	2,025,964	2,408,741
Kerosene	80,497	182,590	413,839	429,623
Residual	111,896	183,652	702,746	842,602
Lubricating (Mineral)	145,250	410,517	507,707	810,086
Other	14,340	72,637	85,227	247,848
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	158,236	379,154	329,438	467,174
Total, Class IX.	837,920	2,135,177	4,064,921	5,206,074

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	£ 101,152	£ 123,521	£ 331,416	£ 377,771
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	111,428	150,259	402,327	674,615
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	432,919	798,159	1,979,697	2,368,645
Other	33,059	79,004	172,425	203,521
Tools of Trade	65,072	129,996	541,455	312,754
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	383,375	254,911	2,977,073	1,516,681
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	44,446	26,608	2,317,542	118,890
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	1,116,885	1,122,538	802,770	4,792,934
Other Vehicles and Parts	91,085	188,941	241,194	440,769
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	373,476	712,251	1,181,396	1,754,556
Total, Class XII.(a) ..	2,540,317	3,312,408	10,213,552	11,508,750
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIP- MENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery ..	65,787	122,081	210,561	293,402
Wireless (Radio) Equipment ..	26,304	25,790	439,493	91,229
Other Electrical Machinery, &c ..	198,717	316,009	1,165,119	991,768
Total, Class XII.(b) ..	290,808	463,880	1,815,173	1,376,399
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	514,662	710,876	2,306,235	2,340,762
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	83,410	423,129	254,142	687,527
Roller and Ball Bearings	46,797	107,892	319,698	213,965
Other Machines and Machinery ..	441,094	820,693	1,600,818	2,600,480
Total, Class XII.(c) ..	1,085,963	2,062,590	4,480,893	5,842,734
Total, Class XII. ..	3,917,088	5,838,878	16,509,618	18,727,883
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas- ticated, &c.	690,916	374,944	1,132,231	1,538,446
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	54,102	11,175	77,172	130,478
Elastics	25,865	107,452	86,627	232,393
Other	44,565	49,928	48,933	176,252
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	9,694	47,393	25,327	55,044
Total, Class XIII. ..	825,142	590,892	1,370,290	2,132,613
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	77,824	333,051	484,675	764,182
Other Wood and Wicker	31,938	40,392	62,906	110,759
Total, Class XIV. ..	109,762	373,443	547,581	874,941

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—	£	£	£	£
Glass and Glassware	45,536	204,405	224,444	387,794
Crockery and Household Ware ..	64,726	189,668	265,739	371,031
Other Earthenware, &c.	22,978	22,979	87,810	134,126
Total, Class XV.	133,240	417,052	577,993	892,951
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	296,715	310,192	365,930	444,301
Paper—				
Printing	314,213	545,839	755,199	1,416,939
Writing and Typewriting	214,215	139,456	244,603	453,099
Wrapping	83,242	182,699	161,159	398,705
Other	81,149	96,158	196,902	254,354
Millboards and Other Boards ..	26,110	95,891	66,896	152,378
Total, Class XVI.(a)	1,015,644	1,370,235	1,790,689	3,119,776
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	197,025	212,514	531,957	720,239
Other Stationery, &c.	81,904	225,305	262,604	586,246
Total, Class XVI.(b)	278,929	437,819	794,561	1,306,485
Total, Class XVI.	1,294,573	1,808,054	2,585,250	4,426,261
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	84,130	125,513	112,790	444,703
Jewellery	117,235	79,421	140,890	256,342
Timepieces	62,497	91,931	333,615	273,471
Total, Class XVII... ..	263,862	296,865	587,295	974,516
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	192,820	217,054	701,902	737,544
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	432,689	601,200	1,460,126	2,172,764
Fertilizers	178,765	231,898	837,071	780,470
Total, Class XIX.	611,454	833,098	2,297,197	2,953,234
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	135,778	183,195	3,258,412	418,529
Bags, Baskets, &c.	14,543	28,819	15,673	83,416
Brushware	14,061	30,014	14,522	85,687
Outside Packages	258,064	452,822	820,769	1,259,417
All Other Articles	125,081	201,145	528,931	777,987
Total, Class XX.	547,527	895,995	4,638,307	2,625,036
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER : BRONZE SPECIE	28,844	22,492	95,742	120,386
Grand Total	14,640,211	25,184,601	54,048,349	67,058,371

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£	£	£	£
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	98,867	30,162	37,622	445,946
Lamb	368,886	201,296	568,285	2,576,358
Mutton	187,812	40,855	190,576	486,341
Pork	117,352	26,691	409,856	169,480
Poultry	28,782	204,883	7,619	221,147
Rabbits and Hares	102,610	395,224	109,044	528,825
Other	33,268	26,309	111,838	137,913
Preserved in Tins	695,203	360,110	1,461,462	2,061,345
Sausage Casings	78,623	40,941	174,749	271,727
Other	15,572	53,920	273,392	219,319
Butter	1,591,090	1,044,098	5,116,989	7,766,346
Cheese	356,882	428,533	642,800	1,430,698
Eggs	122,087	192,115	658,288	1,125,612
Honey	14,052	104,873	97,362	308,379
Milk and Cream	570,577	455,648	1,425,160	2,733,230
Other Animal Foodstuffs	111,825	149,975	660,228	426,557
Total, Class I.	4,493,488	3,755,633	11,945,270	20,909,223
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	20	735,719	122	312,072
Millet	32,293	45,772	43,213	66,514
Other	1,455	32,523	7,674	178,617
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch	49,861	34,495	37,679	157,064
Rice	38,769	104,757	39,987	146,591
Flour (Wheaten)	1,417,155	3,256,686	2,897,017	7,025,624
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	142,976	149,672	122,966	401,159
Other	88,625	226,478	126,538	311,756
Macaroni and Vermicelli	25,110	22,747	10,806	93,761
Biscuits	14,989	5,806	292,761	53,966
Other	2,244	801	6,884	8,374
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	35,769	81,870	189,351	137,602
Potatoes, Dried .. .. .	..	..	692,058	61,546
Peas	46,213	29,262	205,309	144,968
Preserved in liquid and pulped	26,595	49,716	869,069	170,988
Other	12,889	2,538	119,525	70,878
Fruits—				
Fresh	119,082	43,687	297,547	477,743
Dried	813,660	703,788	1,393,976	1,682,138
Preserved in liquid	313,306	830,800	518,786	1,368,813
Pulped	16,886	22,011	6,644	57,781
Jams and Jellies	176,763	258,397	711,462	906,725
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	283,323	309,364	495,892	1,180,700
Total, Class II.	3,657,983	6,946,889	9,085,266	15,015,380
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	150,480	104,492	390,102	445,355

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	720	7,040	31,302	5,333
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	28,568	22,413	25,452	154,306
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	1,099,259	929,083	2,616,670	2,020,950
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	2,555	7,057	81,021	67,295
Sheep	735,577	520,566	1,923,515	3,550,140
Other	45,492	9,565	95,070	103,204
Wool—				
Greasy	4,263,428	1,597,962	9,718,556	20,799,838
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	2,175,651	2,748,858	4,531,899	8,816,765
Other Animal Substances	2,622	5,970	8,714	21,105
Total, Class VI.	8,324,584	5,819,061	18,975,445	35,379,297
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Fibres	96,056	44,199	430,163	373,602
Other Vegetable Substances	62,521	52,046	120,590	183,709
Total, Class VII.	158,577	96,245	550,753	557,311
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	220,583	230,714	508,356	924,875
Textiles	915,680	377,699	1,460,812	2,288,343
Apparel	536,523	230,882	1,114,139	1,641,670
Total, Class VIII.	1,672,786	839,295	3,083,307	4,854,888
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, unrefined	12,667	54,184	71,091	94,682
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	68,412	77,151	170,555	246,875
Total, Class IX.	81,079	131,335	241,646	341,557
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	5,003	7,322	10,287	43,075
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	142,651	133,455	31,126	522,241
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANU- FACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	995,107	576,885	1,671,846	3,432,315
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	44,804	112,859	113,461	258,919
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	323,316	385,114	620,604	1,525,026
Total, Class XII.	1,363,227	1,074,858	2,405,911	5,216,260

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th September—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—	£	£	£	£
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	125,591	80,396	176,653	343,692
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	301,878	268,194	570,213	1,274,334
Total, Class XIII. ..	427,469	348,590	746,866	1,618,026
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	11,460	16,381	98,265	45,145
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	20,871	27,018	45,265	66,775
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board	51,775	15,021	35,972	103,434
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	71,743	69,178	117,259	240,462
Total, Class XVI. ..	123,518	84,199	153,231	343,896
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	36,930	27,604	83,348	144,924
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	50,435	102,611	90,745	203,781
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap	43,721	12,867	187,979	156,249
Fertilizers	86	147	1,312	1,678,293
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	374,591	354,625	624,529	694
Total, Class XIX. ..	418,398	367,639	813,820	1,835,236
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	22,111	20,652	109,576	121,494
Personal and Household Effects ..	81,290	59,195	107,456	276,928
All Other Articles	199,471	136,557	480,662	501,193
Total, Class XX. ..	302,872	216,404	697,694	899,615
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	2,793	348,362	26,411,264	9,734
Australian Produce	21,275,694	20,247,606	75,130,306	88,000,886
Other Produce	198,198	229,240	786,059	610,472
Grand Total	21,473,892	20,476,846	75,916,365	88,611,358

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM
PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Three Months Ended 30th September, 1947.(a)
	1939.	1946.	1947.(a)	
	British Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	21,915,973	25,089,477	7,996,417
Africa, British East	36,197	325,498	242,735	17,793
Borneo (British)	12,458	17,283	102,034	39,797
Burma.. .. .	6,662	97	5,233	789
Canada	2,665,240	2,713,155	4,737,880	1,384,288
Ceylon	213,320	2,265,887	2,118,909	374,635
Hong Kong	7,251	1,841	21,146	8,472
India	793,488	3,312,927	5,141,487	1,440,469
Malaya (British)	485,251	2,582	1,279,279	496,836
Mauritius	51	..	..	..
New Zealand	991,983	1,118,320	1,547,143	540,821
Pacific Islands (British)	671,247	3,925	47,287	39,718
Palestine	7,245	52,177	22,067	4,241
Singapore	(b)	(b)	(b)	7,694
South African Union	84,676	308,893	629,533	242,674
Other British Possessions	158,286	660,769	1,080,356	405,509
Bahrein Island	266,517	328,675	1,323,315	288,120
Belgium	353,216	45,289	501,783	334,646
China	140,900	8,782	349,900	81,136
Denmark	18,585	4,590	13,610	1,209
Egypt	70,436	334,964	375,342	35,224
France.. .. .	394,105	9,001	542,005	314,743
Germany	1,537,847	9,857	110,685	75,734
Iran	382,568	1,965,770	2,135,187	428,790
Italy	257,160	2,839	821,855	222,702
Japan	1,716,486	588	535,471	140,048
Mexico	2,840	16,318	25,412	23,323
Netherlands	209,945	1,518	142,371	113,062
Netherlands East Indies	2,044,057	29,583	55,608	98,607
Norway	143,595	11,092	183,890	158,632
Soviet Union	74,261	3,506	8,021	9,825
Sweden	459,959	283,984	642,625	324,312
Switzerland	406,975	316,495	402,970	184,953
United States of America	4,792,784	15,972,840	14,227,684	8,279,325
Other Foreign Countries	763,917	1,057,031	1,110,116	579,693
Country not stated .. .. .	..	125,532	226,538	37,542
Total (excluding Outside Packages)..	34,710,259	53,227,581	65,798,954	24,731,779

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Included in "Malaya (British)".

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Three Months Ended 30th September 1947.(a)
	1939.	1946.	1947.(a)	
	Australian Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,266,925	39,288,645	28,247,445	6,310,923
Africa, British East	2,625	44,640	106,331	46,336
Borneo (British)	3,958	229,883	246,919	37,978
Burma	22,727	18,551	411,685	155,428
Canada	492,839	1,516,156	1,911,946	217,220
Ceylon	144,742	2,413,350	3,194,920	1,426,903
Hong Kong	164,238	1,081,189	2,416,678	732,179
India	342,958	7,242,324	4,121,914	1,812,350
Malaya (British)	618,214	1,913,222	6,060,455	736,275
Mauritius	64,568	296,185	1,248,577	793,891
New Zealand	1,906,752	2,173,421	3,878,968	1,272,831
Pacific Islands (British)	255,695	487,945	203,818	81,631
Palestine	4,232	556,832	1,020,895	402,087
Singapore	(b)	(b)	(b)	563,861
South African Union	500,433	617,960	1,740,089	267,768
Other British Possessions	212,421	88,382	832,505	429,895
Bahrein Island	948	2,796	22,990	2,808
Belgium	654,276	1,274,219	3,216,894	647,342
China	576,750	160,558	1,804,416	374,846
Denmark	16,796	119,207	607,763	138,229
Egypt	73,572	841,361	1,959,388	400,983
France	2,167,616	2,601,313	4,366,040	787,245
Germany	450,788	..	83,732	2,237
Iran	26	43,703	256,368	21,845
Italy	272,391	134,535	2,580,989	247,911
Japan	1,690,971	24,477	164,347	202,230
Mexico	35,134	456,080	459,561	21,293
Netherlands	149,453	114,922	505,013	139,372
Netherlands East Indies	613,570	314,531	30,266	1,260
Norway	17,963	15,215	153,686	68,974
Soviet Union .. .. .	..	351,657	262,635	1,551
Sweden	171,354	257,510	1,021,286	161,197
Switzerland	4,002	38,647	305,312	74,071
United States of America	3,378,036	9,371,224	12,785,014	1,488,234
Other Foreign Countries	542,039	647,297	2,356,937	407,274
Country not stated .. .. .	..	1,178,428	25,576	388
Total	30,819,012	75,916,365	88,611,358	20,476,846

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Included in "Malaya (British)".

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—			Three Months Ended 30th September, 1947.(a)
				1945.	1946.	1947.(a)	
Wool—							
Greasy .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	134,674,426 10,504,923	122,598,522 9,718,556	193,595,564 20,799,838	13,767,157 1,597,962
Scoured and Washed ..	..	..	lb. £	18,376,296 2,149,169	17,577,493 2,421,215	44,391,722 6,658,839	12,848,556 2,075,659
Tops, Noils, and Waste	..	..	lb. £	9,878,048 1,959,552	8,557,169 2,110,684	9,845,839 2,157,926	2,676,848 673,199
Butter .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	50,340,413 4,381,131	57,714,740 5,116,989	82,594,500 7,766,346	10,936,983 1,044,098
Wheat ... ..	..	..	centals £	22,943 10,349	144 122	410,976 312,072	572,191 735,719
Flour (wheaten) ..	..	..	centals £	2,973,159 1,689,926	2,556,857 2,897,017	4,429,523 7,025,624	1,735,765 3,256,686
Fruits—							
Dried .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,682,138	29,313,642 703,788
Fresh .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 477,743	2,057,800 43,687
Preserved in Liquid ..	..	..	lb. £	9,921,572 183,678	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,813	27,675,697 830,800
Meats—							
Beef (frozen) ..	..	..	lb. £	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946	1,156,136 30,162
Lamb (frozen) ..	..	..	lb. £	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358	5,559,324 201,296
Mutton (frozen) ..	..	..	lb. £	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341	1,846,949 40,855
Pork (frozen) ..	..	..	lb. £	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480	423,446 26,691
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..	..	..	pairs £	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825	2,952,681 395,224
Preseved in Tins ..	..	..	lb. £	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,345	6,288,077 360,110
Sausage Casings ..	..	..	cwt. £	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727	1,392 40,941
All Other Meats ..	..	..	£	520,919	392,849	578,379	285,112
Milk and Cream ..	..	..	£	1,051,847	1,425,160	2,733,230	455,648
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	24,196,964 1,002,186	46,712,108 1,923,515	56,448,590 3,550,140	6,268,861 520,566
Calf, Cattle, Horse ..	..	..	No. £	27,083 95,681	63,389 81,021	25,883 67,295	3,525 7,057
Rabbit and Hare ..	..	..	lb. £	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,950	2,246,769 929,083
Other Skins ..	..	..	£	173,898	95,070	103,204	9,565
Tallow (unrefined) ..	..	..	cwt. £	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682	8,381 54,184
Eggs in shell ..	..	..	dozen £	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238	309,462 34,355
Eggs not in Shell ..	..	..	lb. £	884,359 60,636	7,563,634 531,365	9,261,330 895,374	1,933,524 157,760
Cheese .. .. .	..	..	lb. £	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,923,578 642,800	30,259,127 1,430,698	6,370,085 428,533

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,748	4,748
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	16,413	16,337	16,344	15,539
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	194,138	195,698	196,118	170,165
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	7,564	7,275	6,609	6,861
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	(a) 789	(a) 730	(a) 620	700

(a) Estimated.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	15,258	14,675	13,577	
Working Expenses £'000	8,060	12,832	12,531	12,916	
Net Earnings (a) £'000	1,224	2,426	2,144	661	
Interest Chrgss, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,225	2,209	2,131	
Net Result for Year £'000	— 944	+ 201	— 65	— 1,470	
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b) .. %	2·33	4·59	4·55	(c)	

(a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Tramway Track Open—				
Double miles (a)	127·344	123·542	124·778	124·777
Single miles	5·915	6·643	6·615	6·591
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·616	66·718	67·613	68·602
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways miles	22,980,520	23,000,054	22,730,635	22,673,730
Motor Omnibuses .. miles	2,164,930	8,524,186	8,146,473	7,865,400
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways No.	182,094,402	278,451,170	284,139,431	281,198,208
Motor Omnibuses No.	11,911,439	71,631,912	70,663,685	70,196,236
Revenue—				
Traffic Receipts £	2,304,946	3,941,680	3,990,553	4,004,377
Other	15,280	14,442	15,482	16,563
Total Revenue	2,320,226	3,956,122	4,006,035	4,020,940
Operating Expenses (b)	1,516,717	2,491,649	2,530,165	2,602,944
Surplus on Operation	803,509	1,464,473	1,475,870	1,417,996

(a) Including 7·894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	

REGISTRATION OF NEW VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1943-44 „	545	2,721	509	3,775	60
1944-45 „	533	1,813	437	2,783	84
1945-46 „	1,205	2,037	311	3,553	377
1946-47 „	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
Three months ended 30th September, 1947	2,618	1,465	650	4,733	661

RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1943-44 „	13,920	2,481	2,909	19,310	4,224
1944-45 „	10,812	2,980	2,550	16,342	4,550
1945-46 „	12,417	6,586	2,924	21,927	6,235
1946-47 „	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
Three months ended 30th September, 1947	1,872	1,057	566	3,495	1,008

RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.

1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1943-44 „	119,528	32,475	49,277	201,280	13,643
1944-45 „	127,119	35,139	52,014	214,272	15,164
1945-46 „	130,735	38,309	52,747	221,791	16,616
1946-47 „	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
Three months ended 30th September, 1947	33,466	11,719	11,936	57,121	5,016

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	279	467	1,102
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	170	282	431
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	449	749	1,533
Permanent “Discretionary” Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	954	596	1,049
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	644	442	822
Total, “Discretionary” Licences	2,870	1,598	1,038	1,871
Licences Issued “As of Right”—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	6,111	6,465	7,937
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	724	791	903
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	5,570	6,385	7,392
Primary Producers	699	1,895	2,615	3,285
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	360	368	418
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	18,482	19,578	24,298
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	1,071	1,261	2,584
Commercial Passenger Hire Vehicles .. .. .	..	462	538	800
Total, “As of Right”	31,365	34,675	38,001	47,617
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	199	187	207
Grand Total	35,970	36,921	39,975	51,228

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,537	53	1,650	4,087	5,624
1944-45	831	37	893	1,192	2,023
1945-46	1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
1946-47	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
Six months ended—					
31st December, 1946 ..	539	13	620	1,091	1,630
30th June, 1947 ..	565	21	634	927	1,492
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>					
1938-39 Year	3,856	209	4,244	5,832	9,688
1944-45	1,952	93	2,149	1,784	3,736
1945-46	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
1946-47	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
Six months ended—					
31st December, 1946 ..	1,762	69	2,010	1,952	3,714
30th June, 1947 ..	1,753	86	1,987	1,997	3,750
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,705	218	2,180	2,462	4,167
1944-45	1,044	130	1,326	1,047	2,091
1945-46	1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
1946-47	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
Six months ended—					
31st December, 1946 ..	868	88	1,167	930	1,798
30th June, 1947 ..	1,035	109	1,392	1,150	2,185
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>					
1938-39 Year	7,098	480	8,074	12,381	19,479
1944-45	3,827	260	4,368	4,023	7,850
1945-46	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171
1946-47	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
Six months ended—					
31st December, 1946 ..	3,169	170	3,797	3,973	7,142
30th June, 1947 ..	3,353	216	4,013	4,074	7,427

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	4,100	4,295	4,669	5,847
Railways	9,349	16,109	15,590	14,822	13,785
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	2,687	2,728	2,551	2,688
Land	387	972	938	882	825
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,528	1,474	1,511	1,580
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. ..	..	6,318	6,423	6,431	8,771
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) .. ..	..	373	373	373	
All other Revenue	857	1,330	1,325	1,825	1,736
Total Revenue	26,986	35,544	35,273	35,191	37,359
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 14 7 10	£ s. d. 17 17 5	£ s. d. 17 11 9	£ s. d. 17 8 4	£ s. d. 18 5 3

(a) For details see page 27.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Public Debt Charges—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,354	6,285	6,214	6,055
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	703	687	645	585
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,192	1,327	1,407	1,474
Other	62	151	133	137	102
Railways	7,694	12,790	12,427	12,073	12,374
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,454	1,579	1,802	1,711
Education	3,123	3,654	3,976	4,362	5,216
Public Health	143	116	175	199	252
Hospitals	1,054	1,676	1,813	2,042	2,555
Other Charities (a)	2,302	908	760	584	537
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	1,814	1,789	1,769	2,028
All other Expenditure	2,962	4,112	3,973	3,951	4,465
Total Expenditure ..	27,773	34,924	34,924	35,185	37,354
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 4	£ s. d. 17 11 2	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 18 5 2

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
State Taxation Collections—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	199	94	86	89
Land Tax	482	360	358	321	383
Probate Duty	1,374	1,778	1,854	1,825	2,461
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	824	887	1,071	1,335
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,582	1,655	1,847	2,094
Entertainments	677	488	646	878	969
Liquor	255	382	382	389	484
All other Taxes	110	102	107	110	127
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	4,100	4,295	4,669	5,847
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	1,615	1,688	1,858	2,095
Total	12,023	5,715	5,983	6,527	7,942
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,318	6,423	6,431	} 8,771
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373	373	373	
Total .. ..	..	6,691	6,796	6,804	8,771
Grand Total	12,023	12,406	12,779	13,331	16,713
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 3	2 17 6	2 19 8	3 4 8	3 17 4
Commonwealth Reimbursements ..	..	3 7 3	3 7 9	3 7 4	4 5 4
Total	6 8 3	6 4 9	6 7 5	6 12 0	8 2 8

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1947.
	1945.	1946.	1947.	
	£	£	£	£
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced.. ..	496,294	389,434	433,979	51,447,931
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	9,443	11,119	92,936	12,759,455
Water Supply and Sewerage	315,729	435,575	1,466,122	34,233,080
Electricity Supply .. ..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	164,784	177,107	539,436	6,982,938
Hospitals	605,747	118,020	176,230	1,690,633
Other	49,076	66,890	81,951	1,652,188
Housing	750,000	25,285	528,562	2,493,847
Unemployment Relief	3,891	433	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works .. ..	..	14,767	125,869	3,898,307
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a) .. ..	..	69,378	2,226,665	43,866,977
Advances to Settlers	(b) 717,217	(b) 223,158	(b) 99,253	3,681,200
Wire Netting Advances	79	5,878	..	885,729
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	480,600	657,029	1,329,450	4,428,570
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	437	499	197	592,086
Other Primary Production	45	9,562	10,230	1,117,099
Other Purposes	90,000	..	..	450,950
Total Public Works, &c.	3,683,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	231,302,033
In Aid of Revenue	4,255,000	..	..	9,118,682
Grand Total	7,938,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	240,420,715

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £625,000 in 1944-45, £129,000 in 1945-46, and £88,410 in 1946-47.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 16 3
1946	56,158	4,499	119,070	179,727	88 9 11
1947	56,158	4,501	122,437	183,096	89 1 9

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	
1945-46—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December Quarter	83,215	121,397	204,612	68,397
March Quarter	80,709	132,062	212,771	73,606
June Quarter	78,887	134,872	213,759	80,607
1946-47—				
September Quarter	77,315	131,631	208,946	79,612
December Quarter	73,165	137,841	211,006	83,425
March Quarter	73,248	147,612	220,860	88,076
June Quarter	72,461	151,419	223,880	96,970
1947-48—				
September Quarter	72,564	144,409	216,973	105,881

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia and twelve other banks.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929	Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1943	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,414,210
1944	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,448,005
1945	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,484,398
1946	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,825,986
1946—	March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	422,340
	June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	465,192
	September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	452,795
	December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	485,659
1947—	March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	432,981
	June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	489,452
	September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	485,741

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.		Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
		State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
At 30th June					
1929	.. ..	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	.. ..	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	.. ..	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943	.. ..	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944	.. ..	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945	.. ..	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946	.. ..	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947	.. ..	168,148	47,959	216,107	104 16 9
At 30th September, 1947		170,035	48,140	218,175	105 16 9

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.		Mortgages Registered during Period.					
		Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
		Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).
Year ended	31st		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
December—							
1929	.. ..	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	.. ..	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1944	.. ..	8,397	4,097	417	249	8,814	4,346
1945	.. ..	10,237	4,771	490	389	10,727	5,160
1946	.. ..	18,055	7,030	801	456	18,856	7,486
1947—							
March Quarter		4,469	2,715	177	43	4,646	2,758
June Quarter..		5,290	2,663	242	83	5,532	2,746
September Qr.		6,003	3,964	252	165	6,255	4,129

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Nine Months Ended 30th September, 1947.
	1929.	1939.	1945.	1946.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	170	784	627
Foreign	62	37	28	68	53
Mining	22	28	2	10	10
Total	1,010	602	200	862	690
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	3,570	13,782	16,386
Foreign	(a)	8,975	15,523	19,764	11,554
Mining	1	..	20	88	601
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian	7,259	10,229	8,704	9,369	9,900
Foreign	899	643	751	804	843
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Com- panies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	1,582	11,560	16,817
Mining	244	1,097	30	90	295

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended 31st Decem- ber.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wim- mera.	Northern.	North- Central.	North- Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps- land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1941 ..	12·23	20·14	17·31	25·39	30·41	29·73	31·53	33·13	24·29
1942 ..	14·31	22·04	19·66	31·91	38·28	30·54	29·68	31·59	26·28
1943 ..	8·25	13·48	10·98	20·22	26·76	25·86	22·46	30·05	19·44
1944 ..	6·59	10·46	9·24	17·10	20·72	24·30	23·97	27·54	17·09
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
1946 ..	14·07	22·07	17·76	29·86	39·85	40·20	33·04	41·19	29·37
Averages									
(a) ..	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1942-43 ..	2,145,156	428,043	77,842	788,792	51,757	34,028	56,084
1943-44 ..	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	740,672	70,430	34,077	57,023
1944-45 ..	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246
1945-46 ..	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512
1946-47 ..	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	(c) 677,787	56,400	33,808	56 869

Total Production.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43 ..	41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	1,051,107	195,138	55,059	..
1943-44 ..	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	963,103	217,380	58,838	..
1944-45 ..	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934	..
1945-46 ..	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..
1946-47 ..	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782	43,303	..

Average Yield per Acre.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43 ..	19·49	15·51	16·36	1·33	3·77	1·62	..
1943-44 ..	11·00	8·69	12·95	1·30	3·09	1·73	..
1944-45 ..	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67	1·17	..
1945-46 ..	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..
1946-47 ..	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97	1·28	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1946-47 amounted to 1,507, 6,236, and 1,397 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1946-47 was 14,443 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 63,354 acres and oaten 356,442 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED AREA AND VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN 1947.

Variety.						Estimated Area.	Percentage of Total Area.
						Acres	
Quadrat ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,254,675	37·18
Ghurka ..	..	..	..	..	..	430,225	12·75
Magnet ..	..	..	..	..	..	404,662	11·99
Bencubbin ..	..	..	..	..	..	310,702	9·21
Pindar ..	..	..	..	..	..	306,733	9·09
Ranee ..	..	..	..	..	..	214,620	6·36
Regalia ..	..	..	..	..	..	134,959	4·00
Insignia ..	..	..	..	..	..	64,829	1·92
Pinnacle ..	..	..	..	..	..	45,610	1·35
Bobin ..	..	..	..	..	..	41,400	1·23
Dundee ..	..	..	..	..	..	39,602	1·17
Baldmin ..	..	..	..	..	..	38,638	1·14
Rajah ..	..	..	..	..	..	21,083	·62
Free Gallipoli ..	..	..	..	..	..	11,802	·35
Sepoy ..	..	..	..	..	..	9,889	·29
Mac's White ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,507	·22
Gluclub ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,539	·19
Diadem ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,154	·12
Turvey ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,549	·11

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED AREA AND VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN 1947
—continued.

Variety.							Estimated Area.	Percentage of Total Area.
							Acres.	
Nabawa	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,019	·09
C.M.G.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,231	·07
Waratah	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911	·06
Gluyas	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,143	·03
Seagull	..	..	..	..	..	..	973	·03
Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	914	·03
Eureka	..	..	..	..	..	..	806	·02
Gabo	..	..	..	..	..	..	686	·02
Gular	..	..	..	..	..	..	611	·02
Warigo	..	..	..	..	..	..	611	·02
Bungulla	..	..	..	..	..	..	584	·02
All other varieties	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,333	·30
Total							3,375,000	100·00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March.			Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
			Horses.	All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.	
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1943	..	..	292,534	1,445,530	577,362	2,022,892	19,614,040
1944	..	..	277,662	1,406,028	607,005	2,013,033	19,220,457
1945	..	..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	16,457,101
1946	..	..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	14,655,277
1947	..	..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	16,598,490

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.			Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
			lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1941-42	..	..	170,876,572	42,042,469	212,919,041	12,593,512	14·20
1942-43	..	..	174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964	16·40
1943-44	..	..	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	16·24
1944-45	..	..	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06
1945-46	..	..	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15·00
1946-47	..	..	150,807,569	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories	9,250	9,317	9,669	10,195
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	175,049	174,424	178,951
Females	65,613	86,250	83,209	77,298
Total	201,831	261,299	257,633	256,249
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Males	29,006	58,611	59,533	56,773
Females	7,021	15,350	14,694	13,726
Total	36,027	73,961	74,227	70,499
Value of—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	6,177	6,299	6,306
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	5,951	5,985	6,208
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	149,189	152,761	154,225
Production (net)	65,996	123,331	122,377	122,406
Output	152,968	284,648	287,422	289,145
Land and buildings	42,026	55,063	57,809	60,265
Machinery and plant	38,570	55,458	58,571	58,537

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	1,221	1,271	1,615
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	1,235	1,368	1,715
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	4,462	9,992	8,708	7,395
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	16,460	47,602	44,084	39,165
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	547	483	505	722
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	11,704	11,586	12,415
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	2,117	2,154	2,331
Clothing	7,865	11,080	12,594	13,237
Food, drink and tobacco	12,610	19,051	19,918	19,696
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	4,070	4,202	4,197
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	1,139	1,143	1,653
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	6,292	6,795	7,189
Rubber	1,573	1,888	2,007	2,124
Musical instruments	24	17	21	36
Miscellaneous products	722	2,203	2,540	3,209
Heat, light and power	2,328	3,237	3,481	5,707
Total	65,996	123,331	122,377	122,406

Note.—“ Added Value ” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY SENT OUT.

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	Tons	Tons	Tons	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions
1938-39 Year	3,643,490	(a)	399,924	102·8	739·2	842·0
1943-44 „	4,829,481	86,725	416,715	129·8	1,273·1	1,402·9
1944-45 „	5,249,308	47,063	431,344	119·3	1,307·4	1,426·7
1945-46 „	5,448,626	49,237	493,144	185·2	1,329·1	1,514·3
1946-47 „	5,617,533	133,198	490,338	205·8	1,399·0	1,604·8
1946-47						
September Quarter ..	1,494,647	32,980	137,403	69·2	363·3	432·5
December Quarter ..	1,319,859	32,548	113,695	77·7	314·5	392·2
March Quarter ..	1,424,083	40,591	137,914	32·9	335·4	368·3
June Quarter ..	1,378,944	27,079	101,326	26·0	385·8	411·8
1947-48—						
September Quarter ..	1,599,678	38,494	147,128	72·0	399·6	471·6

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

(New Series.)

Period.			New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
			Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
			No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.		
1938	Year	..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939	„	..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1940	„	..	5,686	6,827	410	2,166	5,569	1,462	11,665	10,455
1941	„	..	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942	„	..	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943	„	..	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944	„	..	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945	„	..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946	„	..	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947—										
March Quarter			2,152	3,340	86	228	1,515	355	3,753	3,923
June Quarter			2,122	3,176	111	288	1,639	409	3,872	3,873
September Qr.			2,259	3,567	136	924	1,801	474	4,196	4,965

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan areas re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1939 Year ..	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1940	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676
1941	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947—								
March Quarter	202	239	13	23	238	43	453	305
June Quarter	180	218	10	35	242	43	432	296
September Qr.	218	282	13	31	234	41	465	354

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45	747	345	1,092	494	95	589
1945-46	1,677	677	2,354	934	224	1,158
1946-47	2,050	891	2,941	921	565	1,486
1946-47—						
September Quarter	569	216	785	254	101	355
December Quarter	508	296	804	273	112	385
March Quarter ..	115	56	171	161	147	308
June Quarter ..	858	323	1,181	233	205	438
1947-48—						
September Qr. (b)	240	162	402	376	171	547
Total to 30th September, 1947	6,245	2,285	8,530	3,958	1,190	5,148

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected at Sunshine by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.